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**GIFT TO SCHOOL . . .** Junior high Girl Scouts of Troop 1368 presented a Brazilian pepper tree to Crenshaw School, Tuesday, at special ceremony observing Arbor Week here. School Vice Principal Edwin K. Brown has finished the heavy work and is ready to plant the tree with the help of troop members Linda Geronimo, Donna Golden, and Carol Robinson, left to right.

## Civil Defense Leader Urges GOC Assistance

George Powell, Civil Defense director and representative of the Air Force and the Ground Observer Corps, discussed this week the part that the citizens of Torrance will play in the operation of the South Bay area GOC post located in Hermosa Beach.

Due to the close proximity of the eight cities in the South Bay area it was found impractical to place a post in every one of them. Civil Defense officials from these cities and the Air Force decided it would be to better advantage if one post were erected to serve all of the communities.

Powell urges the citizens of Torrance to join the post and become a part of this vital element of our national defense. By serving on the South Bay post the citizens would not be neglecting their own city but will by the help of other volunteers from the South Bay region provide better round the clock protection for the entire area.

Torrance, with its industries and homes, must be protected and radar is not adequate to handle the entire job. The Armed Forces must be backed up by volunteer organizations such as the Ground Observer Corps and Civil Defense. The city of Torrance realizes the vital necessity of maintaining a constant watch to give our defense system time to repel any possible enemy air attack.

Any citizen of Torrance interested in learning more about, or wishing to join the South Bay post of the Ground Observer Corps may secure all the details by calling Civil Defense EA 8-5310, or by writing Civil Defense Office, Ground Observer Corps, City Hall, Torrance.



**AIR DEFENSE STUDY . . .** Discussing Torrance's part in the new South Bay Ground Observer Post operations are (left to right) Capt. Gordon Brock, Pasadena Air Defense Filter Center; Jack Badour, assistant chief observer for GOC; Sgt. Donald Hanks, field representative; and (seated) George Powell, assistant Civil Defense Director for Torrance. City Manager George Stevens is automatically the director of Civil Defense here by law.



**CLASSROOM HATCHERY . . .** Students in the 5-6 grade class of Kenneth Brown at Seaside Elementary School are hatching 30 eggs as a class project. Brown plans to give each student a bird if all the eggs hatch successfully.



**NEW STAFF MANAGER . . .** Robert E. Jones has been named staff manager for the Prudential Insurance Co. in the South Bay district agency. It was announced yesterday by Manager Harvey Harms. Jones joined Prudential in Pasadena in 1953.

## Births

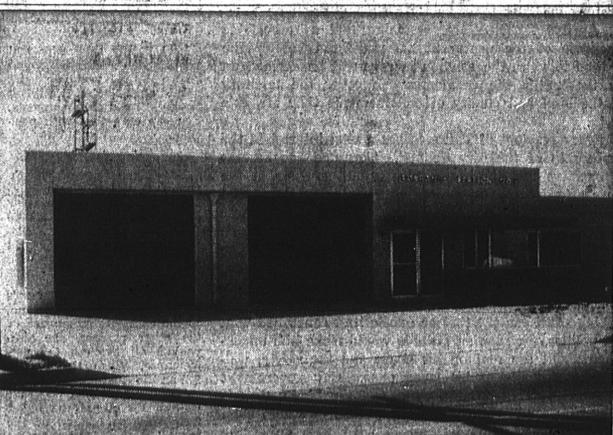
**TORRANCE HOSPITAL**  
SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. C. Albert, 2572 1/2 Pennsylvania, boy, Bradley William, 9 lbs., 4 oz., Feb. 29.

## BOMB SCARE AT NARBONNE HIGH

The bomb scare craze in Southland schools hit near home here Monday shortly before noon when Narbonne High officials received a call stating a bomb had been planted there. Fire department officials were called in and gave the school a thorough going over, but no bomb was found. School authorities said they received the call about 11:30 a.m.

## TEAC to Weigh Election Plans

Discussions on Ballot Proposal No. 9, combined city-school elections, will highlight the meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at the YWCA building Monday noon, according to Mrs. W. C. Boswell, moderator. The ballot discussion, scheduled for last month's meeting, was held over until Monday when a spirited discussion on reading problems of students used up the allotted meeting time. Other items scheduled for discussion Monday include the current building progress report and a demonstration of steps in phonics instruction. Reservations for the meeting are due today.



**NEARING COMPLETION . . .** The North Torrance Fire Station at 174th St. and Yukon Ave. is about ready for occupancy again after a major overhaul project financed by the 1954 bond issue here which also built the new central station and the No. 4 station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. During the work on this station, the firemen have been housed at the central station.

## The North Hi Breeze

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Nancy Ewing gave a party Feb. 25. Those attending were, Nancy, Larry Smith, Beverly Stepp, Kenny Kulne, Judy Brettenfelt and Johnny Bleser, Sandy Gaw, Bonnie Petrelli, Don Bolde, Norma Mercer and Buddy Travers, Dug Irvin, Gerry Terhagen, Pat Webb, Tom Vanderpool, Judy Fazio, Carlton Beck, Diane Englehart, Billy Almeida, Nancy Terhagan, Mike Dralle, Joyce Hayden, Clarence Johnson, Alice Cruz, Bill Ewing, Smitty Smith, La Juana Rainer, Marcia Bradley, Loren Jones, Marianne Parker, Paul Carrico, Johanne Parker, Gerry Jacobs, Dee Ball and Banny Bailey, Gayle Carothers, Carol Lesar, Sharon Rich and Bob McIntyre, Judy Johnson, Tommy Espinosa, Carl Dundley, Dave Castaneda, Gordon Terry and many more. After the party a few girls stayed to slumber???

The Junior Class held a reception at the track meet Feb. 25.

**Typewriter, Checks Gone**  
Glen M. Armstrong, 44, of 2080 Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, told sheriff's deputies that someone broke into his office at that location over the week end and got away with a typewriter and five checks. The checks were drawn from a now defunct San Pedro bank.

28. Pop, popcorn, and fudge were sold. The food was a complete sellout except for a case and a fourth of soda. The Junior Class is planning to hold many more concessions during the rest of the school year. The next one is planned to be March 15, after school, during the baseball game between North High and Hawthorne High School. Cookies, pop, and fudge will be sold.

A very close victory was won by San Gabriel's varsity track team against North High. The score was 54-49.

Arlene Lesar and Allen Andrews were the two winners of the school runoffs of the Lion's Club Speech Contest. They represented us in the city finals Tuesday. Becky Reynolds and Art Hackney received honorable mention trophies as runners-up.

Lessons have begun for all Junior girls who are interested in being song queens next year. They will be taught by the present song queens after school on the quad.

The G.A.A. Basketball Playday will be on March 21 at Culver High School. If you North High girls would like to be in it, come out and practice every Monday and Thursday after school.



**RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP . . .** Miss Angelina A. Howard, associate professor and head of the department of occupational therapy at SC, hands a \$200 scholarship check to Robert William Demers as a grant from the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults. The \$200 will enable Demers to continue studies in the department this year.

## Therapy Student Receives \$200 For School Aid

Robert William Demers, of 21047 Amie Ave., a senior in occupational therapy at the University of Southern California has been given a \$200 scholarship by the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc. of Chicago, to help him complete his education. The scholarship is sponsored by Kappa Delta Phi, national business women's fraternity. Demers, 34, is a graduate of Long Beach City College and a Navy veteran of both World War II and Korea. He was a Seabee four years during World War II, serving in South America, the South Pacific, and China. Recalled during the Korean war, he served 18 months in Japan and Korea. He became interested in occupational therapy by observing the work of these specialists in the Navy. He worked last summer in the pediatrics department of the Los Angeles County Hospital, and after receiving his degree of Bachelor of Science in June, Demers will take clinical training at Veterans Administration hospitals. Demers and his wife, the former Marie Boro, have two boys, Robert Jr., 2 1/2, and John, 18 months. Mrs. Demers is the daughter of John A. Boro of 684 W. 6th St., San Pedro.



**SAFE DRIVING . . .** Ann Bullock, North American Aviation stenographer gets an assist from company chauffeur Jack Starkey in fastening a safety belt in one of the firm's cars. Safety belts are being installed on all North American trucks and cars as part of its continuing program of safety on and off the job. In addition, all new 1956 model additions to the fleet will have cushioned dashboards.